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Articles Having Improved  
Leakage Performance

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Sir:

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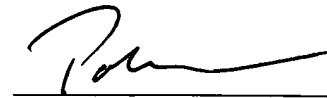
fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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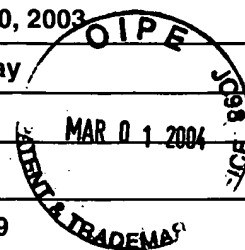
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